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THE CHRISTMAS SEAL

Helps Stamp Out Tuberculosis—Big Hopes For This Year.

Wonders are being done with pennies. Pennies buy Christmas seals and Christmas seals save human lives every year. This year more lives will be saved by Christmas seals than ever before, and next year the record will be increased, as the result of the sale of seals which began in Tennessee on Dec. 1st, under the direction of the Women's Clubs, the Parent Teachers association, the League of Women Voters and the Women's Christian Temperance union.

These little seals are sold at a penny each and as a result of their sale in previous years more than 700 hospitals are now providing sanatoria for those afflicted with tuberculosis; more than 3,000 public health nurses are being employed; nearly one thousand fresh air schools are in operation and are 550 tuberculosis clinics and dispensaries. A billion pieces of literature were distributed throughout the country and in every state there is an active anti-tuberculosis or public health organization, assisted by 1,100 local societies. This is only a part of the record of the Christmas seal in the United States.

The organizations backing the seal of the Christmas seals in Tennessee are asking that every citizen, male and female, do his and her part in the present sale drive by purchasing a number of these little life-saving stickers to be used on mails and packages during the joyful Yuletide season, in order that the campaign against the great white plague may be waged more effectively in 1922 than ever before.

The appeal this year is being made in the name of those who have succumbed to the dreaded disease since the last annual seal sale, with the hope of those behind the drive that the sale of Christmas 1921 may reach such a mark as to enable the prosecution of the most telling campaign against tuberculosis in Tennessee next year that has ever been waged in any state in the Union.

Lives must be saved and the Christmas seal is one means of giving everybody in Tennessee an opportunity to help save not only one life in 1922, but many.

REIDTOWN

We are having a good Sunday school with George Hall as superintendent. Rev. Daniels preached for us last Sunday.

R. H. Reese is seriously ill. Quite a number of our people have been attending the revival at Tryon. John Reese is adding another room to his house.

Rev. Brymer is advertised to preach here next Sunday morning.

KIWANIANS HAVE BIG TIME LAWYERS CONDUCT PROGRAM

The regular Kiwanis luncheon was enjoyed Tuesday by only a few more than half the membership, although there were several visitors present. Dr. R. C. Smith favored the club with his presence and made an interesting talk. He was introduced by Dr. Stansberry as the dean of the medical profession in Cocke county.

The lawyers had charge of the program and after speeches by the leader, Everett Greer, followed by Arthur Simerly, in which each attempted to make the Kiwanians and their visitors believe the lawyers were responsible for about half or a little more of the good things this country had enjoyed, the club room was converted into a court room and Mr. Greer presided as judge. The docket was said to be heavy, but on motion of Attorney-General Simerly all cases were waived with the exception of the state of Kiwanis vs. Parson Reynolds and Lyle Moore, charged with stealing bottled cod. Will Jones was also a defendant, but since he had made his escape into the wiles of Illinois the other defendants were given a trial. They were ably and fearlessly represented by Attorney Clifford McNabb, but before the trial could get well under way the defendants had admitted their guilt.

Drs. Northcutt and Neas were used as brain specialists and while the foreman of the jury, Horace Remine, professed to know what the doctors were talking about and to thoroughly understand the medical terms used by each, it was plain the lawyers were befuddled and even the court was at times at a loss to know just what to do when one lawyer objected to testimony going to the jury. The court refused counsel time in which to argue the case and after a short time the jury rendered its verdict, which was in effect: That the court and counsel were non-compus-mentus as well as the defendants, therefore the case was thrown out of court and the lion roared lustily for the lawyers.

Rhea Minnis furnished the silent booster, a box of Hollingworth's candies. The manufacturers will have charge of the program next week.

ORPHAN CHILDREN

An Appeal Comes From The Home at Nashville

To the School Children of Cocke County:

Last year and the year before we sent letters to your teachers, asking that they tell you about the little homeless orphan boys and girls at the Tennessee Children's Home in Nashville, and how much we needed your help in raising money to provide them with good, wholesome food for which many of them almost starved before they were sent to us, and warm winter clothing which many of them never had before, and to help find them each a good home and a good mother and father to love and cherish them as your mothers and fathers love and cherish you.

The response to this appeal was wonderful and, through the help from the school children and other friends we have been able, during the last year, to actually find homes for two hundred and thirty little homeless boys and girls and to help many others in various ways.

This year we are going to make our Christmas appeal to you through the newspaper because we feel that in this way a still larger number of people will hear of our needs and will help us to meet them, but we want each of you to feel that this appeal is to you personally and we want you to take this up with your class mates, with your Sunday school, with your fathers and mothers and all your friends and to raise all the money you can and send it to the Tennessee Children's Home Society, 901 Acklen Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.

We want you also to help us find good homes for ten little boys and twelve little girls from two to nine years of age, and for the seventeen little babies from one to ten months of age now in the receiving home.

As you, in your own comfortable homes with your own good mothers and fathers plan for the coming of Christmas and Santa Claus, will you not think of these little children who have none of these blessings and help find homes and mothers and fathers for them? And will you not raise all the money you can to help us care for and find homes for all the other homeless little boys and girls who will come to us during the next year? We are depending upon you and we know you will help all you can, for we are sure you have read that "It is not the will of your Father that one of these little ones should perish."

Your friend,
MRS. CLAUDE D. SULLIVAN
Superintendent.

THE AVERAGE MAN

We will all admit that we are interested in man, even though he is just an "Average Man." Then let's see the play to be presented by the students of Central High school, Dec. 23. There is no better way to celebrate than to go see our own boys and girls perform. We all say we are interested in them; alright, let's prove to them that we are.

"The Average Man" is a 1921 play written by O. P. Parker, whose plays are familiar to many of us. The fact that it is a royalty play is an assurance that it is first class.

So come, everybody.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

(By Nathan Jones)
The lyceum that was given at the high school building last Thursday night was one of the best ever given here.

Rev. Clarke made a very interesting talk to the students last Wednesday. His subject was "Work."

The domestic science class has been serving soup for several days. Mr. Greer made an excellent talk to the fourth year English class Monday. He also spoke at the chapel period on co-operation for better mail service.

The students of the education class have been teaching the eighth grade during Miss Delp's absence.

Mr. Parrott gave an excellent patriotic lecture to the students Tuesday.

There will be a lyceum number given here Thursday night. It comes well recommended.

Since football season closed the boys have been practicing basketball. Prospects are very encouraging for a winning team. Most of the players are lettered men.

The following have made the honor roll for November:

First Year—Eliza Jones, Chandler Jones, Waldo Remine, Josephine Bowers, Florence McMahon, Hazel Owenby and Daisy Porter.

Second Year—Daisy Fox.

Third Year—John B. Stokely, Alexander Lee, Elizabeth Boyer and Katherine Smith.

Fourth Year—Bonnie Kate Gray, Clyde E. Driskill, Alma Henderson, Eleanor Hickey, Marjorie McMahon and Margaret Talley.

Miss Delp is on duty again after several days absence on account of illness.

HAYWOOD COUNTY TRAGEDY

Blaine Conard Killed Cousin and Wounded Uncle

A family feud of some thirty years standing between the Conard brothers broke out afresh in Haywood county, N. C., on Little Catalouchee, last Saturday in which Noah Conard was instantly killed and his father John Conard, seriously if not fatally wounded.

The shooting was done by Blaine Conard, aged about eighteen years. He used a thirty-two automatic pistol with steel jacketed bullets. The dead man was about twenty-two years of age and leaves a wife and two children. The older Conard is sixty-four.

Young Conard, as the story comes to us, was riding a mule down the road on his way to mill when he was met by his cousin and uncle, who walked a short distance with him. It is not known what the immediate trouble arose about, but young Conard states his cousin attempted to drag him from his mule when he began shooting, his first shot taking effect in the throat breaking his neck. The old man then started at him with a knife when the pistol was turned on him, the ball entering his breast near the right nipple and ranging around with the rib and was removed from under the shoulder blade.

The original trouble between the Conards came up over a line fence. Dr. Atchley was summoned and made the trip to Mt. Sterling on the T. & N. C. speeder and from there to Catalouchee on a mule.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to thank our many friends and neighbors for the many expressions of kindness and sympathy extended to us during the recent serious illness of our little son James. Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Clarke.

Allen Glenn spent last week in Charlotte at a meeting of the moving picture exhibitors. His father, John Glenn of Brevard, and Chester Glenn of Hendersonville, were also present. Returning the Glenns found that Raymond, the youngest of the boys, had been married to Miss Rebecca Blythe, a prominent young lady of Brevard. On their moving picture house at Hendersonville the Glenns are guaranteed thirty thousand dollars on improvements and extension of building.

The New York Giant baseball team has become the owner of Chas. O'Connell, outfielder of the San Francisco Pacific Coast league. The price paid was seventy-five thousand dollars, the highest price ever paid for a minor league player.

FEMALE DOCTOR IN TROUBLE

Arrested on Charge of Forging Check in Asheville

Mrs. Pala C. Reave, a female doctor, who had been in and around Newport the past several months, was arrested Wednesday evening and taken to Asheville to answer a charge of forgery. Information obtainable is to the effect that checks in the sum of some five thousand dollars had been passed by Dr. Reave, people of Asheville and vicinity being the losers. She came to Newport some months ago and stated she owned a farm near Catalouchee, N. C., that she was there for her health as well as that of her sister, that her husband who had been a physician, was killed in France, and that she had been practicing medicine a number of years. The doctor did not claim to know anyone in Cocke county, but it developed she was a daughter of Joseph L. McGhee, a Methodist minister, a fine looking man and a good preacher. She was born on English in the house now owned by James Breeden. She is about forty-five years of age and her health is poor.

Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Holland will leave first of the coming week for Florida to spend the winter.

Jason J. Clarke, who is with the C. C. & O. R. R. Co., of Johnson City, spent the week-end with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Clarke. Mr. Clarke has been with this company less than two years, has received the third promotion and is holding a responsible position with a good salary.

AN OLD LAND MARK GONE

Plain Talk readers will regret to know that Joe Brooks, of Bridgeport, is no more. His remains were laid to rest yesterday near his home. Deceased was seventy-odd years of age and was born and reared in Cocke county. He was the father of several children. For many years he had been a member of the county court and was a conservative member, always casting his vote, as he thought, in the interest of the tax payers. Deceased had been in poor health several months, but was able until a few days ago to be out.

CHARLEY GILES

An Old Rooster Countian Writes From Idaho

Craigmont, Idaho,
Nov. 25, 1921.

Editor Plain Talk:

Enclosed find check for \$2.00 to be applied on my subscription to Plain Talk, as it seems like getting a letter from home. I was born in Cocke county in 1865, cast my first vote for the late Robert L. Taylor, when he ran for governor against his brother, Alf, in 1886, was a Democrat then, and am a better one now, and I think there will be many more by the next national campaign, as we have the worst trust ridden government that we have ever had in the history of this great nation. Still what else can we expect so long as Lodge, Penrose and Smoot are in the saddle and directing the policy of the greatest country in the world, and with two millionaires in the cabinet and Harding as the figure-head.

I was much pleased to hear of one noble Democrat from Tennessee, being chosen as our national chairman, Judge Cordell Hull.

Very truly,
CHAS. GILES.

John Weaver, who has been employed in road work at Marshall, N. C., the past several months, will be at his Cosby home for the winter.

LAWSUITS DECIDED

The supreme court has recently rendered decisions in the following Cocke county cases:

Callie Boyer et al, vs C. H. Smith et al. The decision of the court of appeals was reversed and the farm involved, the John D. Smith farm, was ordered sold and the proceeds divided among the owners.

J. A. Coggin vs Geo. C. Duncan, coroner. The decision of the chancellor was affirmed, which held that Duncan as coroner was the legal sheriff until the supreme court finally decided the case.

Chloe Crawford vs W. D. Palmer. The decision of the court of civil appeals was reversed and the chancellor's decision was affirmed.

J. A. Susong and P. M. Valentine will soon leave for a trip to Southern Mississippi, where Mr. Valentine will probably purchase a plantation.

BETTER PICTURES

The Gay Theatre has suffered a loss of hundreds of dollars on account of the poor quality of electricity we have had to contend with the past year, but we are glad to announce that if the Newport Mill company continue to give us as good lights as we have had the past few days or so we can and will give our patrons some real fine shows. Mr. Fine, manager of the mill states that he will see that we do get 110 volts all the time and we in turn assure you of good pictures and thank you in advance for your patronage.—Gay Theatre.

Emma Roe and Elizabeth, little daughters of Mr. and Mrs. George Hill, have been confined from typhoid fever the past three weeks. Emma Roe is still seriously sick, pneumonia having developed.

CLINT GRAY HURT BY AUTOMOBILE

Yesterday afternoon, while enroute home in his buggy Clint Gray was thrown to the ground and his left hip dislocated and several other bruises sustained. Otha Baxter attempted to pass him and the automobile he was driving struck the wheel of Gray's buggy, turning it over and injuring Gray as above stated. Dr. Atchley was summoned and the limb was reset and Gray should be out in a few weeks.

H. B. Anderson, formerly of Newport, but now of Cleveland, has been spending several days here.

Mims hotel has recently been treated to a red coat of paint.

Miss Maude Gentry, of Hot Springs, N. C., spent Saturday in Newport.

NEWPORT TO HAVE CREAMERY

Movement is on foot to start a creamery at Newport. The plan is to get farmers of the county to agree to keep a given number of cows and place the cream along the pike road where it will be taken up in trucks and hauled to the creamery at Newport. Several farmers are interested in the proposition and plans are being made to have a meeting of farmers in Newport at an early date, when the proposition will be stated. It is said eight hundred cows have already been pledged and only two hundred more are needed to insure the success of the undertaking. This plan is worked successfully in other counties and we see no reason why it should not be a success in Cocke county.

NEW ENTERPRISE

Company To Be Formed To Furnish Cheap Electricity

Sam Wilson, of Cosby, was in town a few days ago and held a conference with a number of business men relative to the sale and development of his mill and water site near the Cosby bridge. It is claimed this is one of the best water site on the Pigeon river and could be developed at a comparatively small outlay of capital. Mr. Wilson is willing to put his mill property in at ten thousand dollars in a fifty thousand dollar company. Those familiar with electricity and the methods of procuring it state the Wilson site very practical and assert current could be brought from the mill to Newport in six months.

Several years ago Mr. Wilson purchased this property from the Williams brothers for about what he is now willing to take for it.

Plans were not perfected, but ground work was laid which may result in Newport having all of the electric current we may need at a figure much lower than we now pay.

THE ATCHLEY CASE

One of the most important murder trials held in years in Jefferson county, was the case of the state vs Cal Atchley, tried at Dandridge last week. The case consumed five days.

Atchley was charged with first degree murder and a hard fight was made to send him to the electric chair. The defense relied on the plea of temporary insanity, caused by excessive drinking. The jury convicted him of second degree murder which carries a sentence of from 10 to 20 years in the penitentiary. Atchley was a citizen of Sevier county, and the man killed, Wm. Miller, lived in Jefferson county, where the killing took place. Attorney General Creswell and Carl Lambdin and Hon. C. T. Rankin of Jefferson City, represented the state, while Hon. H. M. Rankin, of Dandridge, Judge A. M. Paine of Sevierville, and Judge W. O. Mims, of Newport, represented the defendant. It is said to have been one of the hardest fought lawsuits had in that county for years, and that all attorneys made able speeches, while the speech of Judge W. O. Mims is said to have been one of the strongest ever made in that county. A motion for a new trial will come up December 19th, and if it is overruled the defendant will appeal to the supreme court.

OUR FIRST SUBSCRIBER

It gives us much pleasure to say our first subscriber for Plain Talk, since acquiring it this time, was Burnett Rowe, formerly of Newport, but now of Charlotte, N. C. Twenty years ago when Mr. Rowe was a politician and we ran The Times, a political difference arose between us which came near leading to a tragedy. We had not spoken to each other since. A few days ago Burnett came home to see his relatives and shake hands with, to him, "The best people in the world." While in the midst of one of his storehouse of stories in the store of Stokely & Jones, surrounded by some twenty of his friends, we stepped in. He stopped and said: "Hello, Tom, come up and I'll let you in on this." We gladly shook hands with Burnett and enjoyed with the boys his stories and did our bit to help him enjoy his visit. As soon as he learned we had purchased the Plain Talk he produced a dollar and ordered it sent to his address.

John M. Jones has been in New York several days.

BAZAAR

The ladies of the M. E. church will give a bazaar in the rear of Harned-Hodge store Friday and Saturday. Many useful and attractive articles will be offered for sale. Sandwiches and coffee will be served and candy will also be sold. Proceeds will be used for remodeling the church and Sunday school room.

NOUGH

Miss Blanche Rainwater, who has been teaching the Sandy Gap school near here, returned to her home in Jefferson county Tuesday.

Rev. Wilder preached some splendid sermons here last week. He came up every afternoon at two o'clock and preached in the Baptist church, while assisting Rev. Childs in a meeting at Del Rio. Rev. Childs filled the appointment here on Saturday.

Mrs. James Stokely, Sr., is very low with pneumonia.

Mrs. J. H. Smart is on the sick list.

Alonzo Smart, who works at Cold Springs, spent the week-end with his mother here.

We would like to correct some mistakes of the printer. In last week's paper George W. Fox was printed Car, and Mr. and Mrs. John Cook were Cox. The writer is very nervous and can't write so plainly as some of the younger set, being near seventy years old.

PLAIN TALK SOLD

T. H. Campbell Again Becomes Owner of Paper

After wandering around with the dry cattle about fifteen months T. H. Campbell has again become the owner of Plain Talk and his name appears at the mast head of this issue. The deal which placed him in charge was consummated Saturday night. The new owner will collect all subscription accounts due the paper and fill out all paid-in-advance subscriptions. Mr. Goodwin will collect all job and advertising accounts due the paper up to Dec. 1.

Mr. Goodwin has an offer to become engaged in the mercantile business in Kentucky, but has not fully made up his mind to leave Newport. He has made many warm friends here who wish him well in any venture he may undertake and we hope a good opening may be made for him here.

DR. DENNIS RESIGNS

Dr. N. L. Dennis, alderman from the west end, has handed in his resignation and his place will be filled at the next meeting of the board. Friends of F. H. Taylor are urging him to accept the place.

Dr. Dennis' letter follows:
Westwood Place, Richmond, Va.
November 24, 1921

To the Honorable Board of Mayor and Aldermen, Newport, Tenn. Gentlemen:

I am sorry that I have been unable to share with you the full duties of the board, but the reason is known to you all.

It has been a pleasure to work with you, and I am particularly proud of the good feeling and friendship that has existed between the members of this board. I think the record will show that we have agreed and voted unanimously, on all measures looking to the betterment of the town as a whole.

Some marked steps forward have been taken and we have every evidence that many more such steps will be made before the expiration of this term of office. Notwithstanding these facts I feel that inasmuch as I can not meet with you again until May, next, I should hand you my resignation, effective at once. May I also, at this time, thank you individually and collectively for your friendliness and co-operation as a member of the board.

Ours has not been an administration free from error, but I do feel that this board has stood, as one man, for the right, as we saw it.

Hoping that the future months may be even more successful, I am,
Yours truly,
N. L. DENNIS.

Mrs. J. H. Fagala spent Monday in Morristown.

DUTCH BOTTOMS

Despite the inclemency of the weather a large congregation heard Rev. Fox Sunday afternoon. His sermon on "Faith," taken from eleventh chapter of Hebrews, was indeed a great one. Bro. Fox had already made many friends in this community and we look forward with great pleasure to his being with us as a pastor of the Methodist church this year.

Mrs. Allen Cody who has been very sick the past week, is improving and her many friends hope to soon see her out again.

Miss Eula McCurry, of Wilsonville, was a week-end guest of her cousin, Miss Alice Murr.

John Sweeten, of Parrottsville, was here two days last week buying hogs.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Tilman Williams, Dec. 1, a son.

Dr. Atchley was called to see Mr. Lee Griffin again Monday. Mr. Griffin's many friends are wishing him a very speedy recovery.

Among those who attended church here Sunday were: Messrs. Walter Whitlock, Jim Shaver and Hugh Shepherd, Rankin; Pearl and Ruble Cureton, Newport, and Willie Martin, Graham's Chapel.

George Holbert and family moved to the Rexford farm Monday.

Rev. Fox of White Pine, was a visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Griffin Monday.

W. B. McNabb was in the lower end of the county surveying last week.

Dutch Bottoms colored school closer with an entertainment Saturday night. All did their parts well which reflects great credit on their teacher, Addie Carmichael.

A small house belonging to the Lawrence Clark heirs and occupied by Theodore Clarke, colored, was destroyed Saturday night. All house furnishings and more than \$40.00 in currency were destroyed.

Mrs. C. F. and W. B. McNabb were shopping in town Saturday.

Our Saturday night prayer meeting is conducted now in the church instead of the homes. Miss Rosa Smith is leader this week. Everybody invited.